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PETITON TO MAKE SPECIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P § 708.2, the Applicants hereby petition to make the above-identified application special so that it can be taken up for examination on an accelerated basis.

Attached to this Petition is a copy of the first-named inventor's Drivers License, which demonstrates that he is over sixty-five (65) years of age. This is understood to constitute adequate grounds for granting the Petition under M.P.E.P. § 708.02.

Early and favorable consideration of this Petition is respectfully requested. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), no fee is understood to be required for this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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